

MONTHLY BIRD CENSUS April 21, 2002

CENSUS NUMBER TIME 8:20 – 11:20 AM CLOUD COVER Low Clouds PRECIP None

OPEN WATER All FOG None WIND 0-5mph TEMP ~50 F SNOW COVER None

PARTICIPANTS: Roger Orness (meadows), Charlie Wright, Carol Schulz (ponds)

SPECIES

1. Pied-billed Grebe 7

2. Dbl-crested Cormorant 14

3. Great Blue Heron 2

4. Canada Goose 15

5. Wood Duck* 2

6. Green-winged Teal 19

7. Mallard 14

8. Northern Pintail 1

9. Cinnamon Teal 12

10. Northern Shoveler 23

11. Gadwall 40

12. American Wigeon 4

13. Ring-necked Duck 20

14. Greater Scaup 9

15. Lesser Scaup 5
Scaup species 2

16. Bufflehead 45

17. Hooded Merganser 3

18. Common Merganser 1

19. Ruddy Duck 7

20. Bald Eagle* 1

21. Cooper's Hawk* 1

22. Red-tailed Hawk 2

23. Ring-necked Pheasant 3

24. Virginia Rail* 3

25. American Coot 41

26. Killdeer 2

27. Greater Yellowlegs 1

28. Dunlin 35

29. Glaucous-winged Gull 1

30. Rock Dove 2

31. Mourning Dove* 1

32. Vaux's Swift 1

33. Rufous Hummingbird 1

34. Downy Woodpecker 1

35. Northern Flicker 6

36. American Crow 10

37. Tree Swallow* 30

38. Violet-green Swallow 21

39. N Rough-winged Swallow 1

40. Barn Swallow 11

41. Cliff Swallow 6

42. Blk-capped Chickadee 6

43. Bushtit 8

44. Bewick's Wren 1

45. Marsh Wren 49

46. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 3

47. American Robin 8

48. European Starling 15

49. Orange-crown'd Warbler 3

50. Yellow-rumped Warbler 10

(Audubon's) 9 (Myrtle) 1

51. Common Yellowthroat 18

52. Spotted Towhee 1

53. Savannah Sparrow 48

54. Fox Sparrow 3

55. Song Sparrow 14

56. Lincoln's Sparrow 4

57. White-crowned Sparrow 4

58. Golden-crowned Sparrow 2

59. Dark-eyed Junco 2

60. Red-winged Blackbird 43

61. Western Meadowlark* 1

62. Brewer's Blackbird 2

63. Brown-headed Cowbird 8

64. House Finch 9

65. American Goldfinch 2

66. House Sparrow 2

NOTES

- <u>Wood Duck</u> A pair seen in the north corner of the east cell. Then flew over to the west cell then flew over the cottonwoods to the north. Male doing high, thin squeal at the cells, and both calling.
- Bald Eagle 1 adult seen flying past when we were on the entry road.
- Cooper's Hawk 1 near east cell, then flew into or past cottonwoods.
- <u>Virginia Rail</u> 3 heard in scattered areas in the cells and south by the constructed wetland.
- Mourning Dove 1 flew across the entry road as we were walking out to the lagoon.
- Tree Swallow 1 was on the last bird box out, as we walked out on the entry road to the lagoon.
- Western Meadowlark 1 seen in the NE corner on top of a tree.

Mammals: Cottontail Rabbit 6

Muskrat 1 at overflow channel (ditch) near central road.

Comments:

- Carol expressed concern that there was next to no mud habitat available for the shorebirds when they were starting to migrate. She would like to see mud habitat returned to the GRNRA.
- Roger thought that mud habitat could be maintained near the inside wooden bridge by dragging the area with a tractor each spring in the area that cottonwoods are now encroaching.